

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1847

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Highland Park High School boys basketball team and Coach Ken Darting for winning the boys Class 5A State Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, The Highland Park High School boys basketball team won the 2004 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 5A State Basketball Championship with a thrilling 53 to 46 victory over Bishop Miege High School in the state championship game at Topeka on March 13; and

WHEREAS, The Highland Park High School "Scots" basketball team finished the season with a record of 19 wins and 6 losses. To get to the championship game the Scots defeated Blue Valley in the quarter final and Kansas City Washington in the semifinal games. The team's championship was particularly sweet in that the team lost last year in a double overtime 5A State Championship game to McPherson; and

WHEREAS, James Williams was named to the All State second team, All Class 5A first team, All Centennial League first team and All City first team; Hank Harris was named to the All Class 5A second team, All Centennial League first team and All City second team; Theron Wilson was named to the All Class 5A third team, All Centennial League honorable mention and All City second team; Joe Kingcannon was named All Centennial League honorable mention and All City honorable mention; B.J. Spann, Jr. was named All City honorable mention and Lamont Austin was named All Centennial League honorable mention, all as honored by the Topeka Capital-Journal; and

WHEREAS, In three seasons at Highland Park, Coach Ken Darting has led the Scots to three straight state tournament appearances and back-to-back state championship games and was named All State and All City Coach of the Year for 2004 by the Topeka Capital-Journal; and

WHEREAS, The members of this Championship team were Lamont Austin, Ryan Arnold, Joe Kingcannon, David Parham, Kyle Weems, Hank Harris, Jordan Bradberry, Dante Redmond, B.J. Spann, Theron Wilson, Quentin Fields, Quinton Taylor and James Williams. The head coach was Ken Darting; the assistant coaches were Jim Bauersfeld, Hank Harris, Aaron Terry and Mike Calhoun; and the team managers were Jasmine Phelps and Brandi Green; and

WHEREAS, The members of this outstanding basketball team have received statewide recognition for their fine sportsmanship and athletic abilities; and

WHEREAS, The success of this team was due to its excellent teamwork, strong competitive spirit and determination to win. The team also had the enthusiastic support of the school's administrators, the faculty, the students, the players' parents and many area citizens: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Highland Park High School boys basketball team and Coach Darting be congratulated and commended for winning the 2004 Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 5A State Basketball Championship; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide 21 enrolled copies of this resolution to Dale Cushinberry, Principal, Highland Park High School, 2424 SE California Avenue, Topeka, KS 66605-1797.

Senate Resolution No. 1847 was sponsored by Senator Anthony Hensley.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*